

Appendix A

**38 M.R.S.A §1665 as enacted by PL 1999, c. 779, §2, and
amended by PL 2001, c. 373, §4**

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38 MRSA § 1665. Automobile component parts

Notwithstanding sections 1662 and 1664, these sections do not apply to mercury-added products, including mercury-added lamps, that are components in automobiles until July 15, 2002. A plan for compliance with these sections as they relate to automobile components must be developed pursuant to this section.

By January 1, 2001, automobile manufacturers that sell automobiles at retail in this State or to a retailer in this State shall submit proposed alternative compliance plans to the department. By January 1, 2002, the department shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters a plan for the labeling and source separation of automobile component parts to meet the requirements in sections 1662 and 1664. The plan also must include recommendations as to whether and how manufacturers should be required to reduce or phase out the use of mercury in the production of automobiles. The department shall develop the plan in consultation with automobile manufacturers, automobile dismantlers, automobile recyclers and other interested parties. The plan may provide for alternative compliance plans for labeling and must provide for the safe removal and management of mercury-added parts prior to the shredding of vehicles. The department shall also develop, in consultation with the interested parties, an assessment of whether and how mercury switches or other electrical devices in automobile components should be added to the universal waste rules adopted by the board and submit the assessment with the plan.

In deciding whether to approve an alternative compliance plan for labeling of automobile components, the department may consider the extent to which the plan provides for identification of mercury-added components in vehicles assembled before July 15, 2002.